



Savannah River Site SNF Strategies

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Savannah River Site

Off-site Cask Receipt Program

Receipt and Storage Facilities



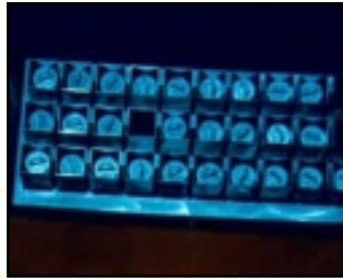
Cask: BMI-1
Owner: DOE
Max. Capacity: 12 MTR
Fleet size: 1



Cask: 18.5T
Owner: JAER/KUR
Max. Capacity: 30 MTR
Fleet size: 4,2



Cask: NLI
Owner: NAC
Max. Capacity: 42 MTR
Fleet size: 5



Cask: GE-2000
Owner: GE/DOE
Max. Capacity: 42 MTR, 1 HFIR Core
Fleet size: 3: 2 (GE), 1 (DOE)



Cask: 20T
Owner: JAERI
Max. Capacity: 30 MTR
Fleet size: 2



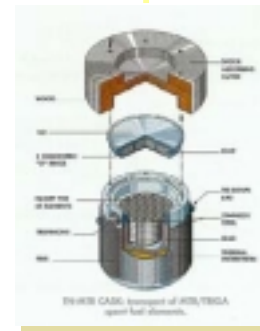
Cask: LWT
Owner: NAC
Max. Capacity: 42 MTR
Fleet size: 5



Cask: GNS-16
Owner: NCS
Max. Capacity: 33 MTR, 28 DIDO
Fleet size: 2



Cask: TN-MTR
Owner: Transnucleaire
Max. Capacity: 68 MTR, 52 DIDO
Fleet size: 3



Cask: TN-6/3
Owner: NCS
Max. Capacity: 1 MTR
Fleet size: 1



Cask: MTR-D
Owner: NCS
Max. Capacity: 8 MTR
Fleet size: As required



Cask: LHRL-120
Owner: ANSTO
Max. Capacity: 120 ANSTO (DIDO)
Fleet size: 1



Cask: IU-04 (Pegase)
Owner: Transnucleaire
Max. Capacity: 40 MTR, 36 DIDO
Fleet size: 4



Cask: TN-7/2
Owner: NCS
Max. Capacity: 64 MTR, 60 DIDO
Fleet size: 2



Cask: GNS-11
Owner: NCS
Max. Capacity: 33 MTR, 28 DIDO
Fleet size: 2

SRS Foreign Research Reactor Receipts (1996 - 2009)

Canada	Fuel Geom	Total # Elements	Rods per Year	Mass kg	BOL Err	Vol m ³	Est. # of Shipments	MTM
12 Pin Cluster	1507	116	10079.2	1.03	14,889		191	0.8784
12 Pin Cluster	888	8	4549.2	HEU	3,180			0.5143
7 Pin Cluster	1301	8	599.0	HEU	1,376			0.3199
Pin Bundle	12	2	28.2	HEU	0.289			0.0003
MTR	162	6	685.8	HEU	0.607			0.0084
MTR	43	<4	238.2	LEU	0.235			0.0072
Target								0.0090

South America	Fuel Geom	Total # Elements	Rods per Year	Mass kg	BOL Err	Vol m ³	Est. # of Shipments	MTM
Argentina	MTR	30	8	129.0	LEU	0.072	18	0.0186
	MTR	203	<3	1867.0	HEU	0.807		0.0034
Target								0.0011
Brazil	MTR	72	<4	262.0	LEU	0.224	4	0.0411
	MTR	43	<1	180.0	HEU	0.124		0.0075
Chile	MTR	68	8	266.0	HEU	0.183	2	0.0110
Colombia	MTR	18	9	59.0	HEU	0.040	1	0.0024
Jamaica	Cluster	2	2	4.8	HEU	0.019	1	0.0005
Peru	MTR	29	9	174.0	LEU	0.148	1	0.0060
Uruguay	MTR	19	9	96.0	LEU	0.079	1	0.0141
Venezuela	MTR	140	2	846.0	LEU	0.389	5	0.0840

South Africa	Fuel Geom	Total # Elements	Rods per Year	Mass kg	BOL Err	Vol m ³	Est. # of Shipments	MTM
MTR		50	9	215.4	HEU	0.177	2	0.0068

Middle East	Fuel Geom	Total # Elements	Rods per Year	Mass kg	BOL Err	Vol m ³	Est. # of Shipments	MTM
Iran	MTR	29	0	118.0	HEU	0.098	1	0.0094
Israel	MTR	153	5	754.4	HEU	0.598	7	0.0038
	MTR	38	<2	187.0	LEU	0.238		0.0775
Pakistan	MTR	83	0	328.2	HEU	0.380	3	0.0158
Turkey	MTR	28	<4	134.4	HEU	0.136	1	0.0070
	MTR	41	<3	281.0	LEU	0.312		0.0812

Australia	Fuel Geom	Total # Elements	Rods per Year	Mass kg	BOL Err	Vol m ³	Est. # of Shipments	MTM
Tubes		674	36	1504.9	HEU	1.825	35	0.1342
Tubes		289	36	664.7	LEU	1.109		0.2889
MTR		12	0	51.8	HEU	0.057		0.0023

Asia	Fuel Geom	Total # Elements	Rods per Year	Mass kg	BOL Err	Vol m ³	Est. # of Shipments	MTM
Japan	MTR	1680	111-126	10431.0	LEU	0.144	107	0.0803
	MTR	1680	187-193	8141.4	HEU	1.489		0.7017
S. Korea	12 Pin Cluster	120	12	726.0	LEU	1.060	6	0.2618
	14 Pin Cluster	48	0	288.0	LEU	0.038		0.0009

Southeast Asia	Fuel Geom	Total # Elements	Rods per Year	Mass kg	BOL Err	Vol m ³	Est. # of Shipments	MTM
Indonesia	MTR	198	12	1058.0	LEU	0.548	7	0.2388
Target								0.0074
Philippines	MTR	30	0	80.0	HEU	0.080	2	0.0060
	MTR	90	0	158.0	LEU	0.071		0.0098
Thailand	MTR	39	0	369.0	HEU	0.175	3	0.0087
	MTR	34	0	249.0	LEU	0.070		0.0087
Thailand	MTR	31	0	180.0	HEU	0.081	1	0.0083

TOTAL								
Fuel Geom	Total # Elements (Approx.)	Rods per Year	Mass kg	BOL Err	Vol m ³	MTM	Est. # of Shipments	
MTR	2770	290-289	27923.7	HEU	41.80	2.74		
MTR	4190	290-318	25741.8	LEU	25.12	6.56		
HL MTR	309	20	2216.0	HEU	6.18	0.23		
HL MTR	740	64	5590.0	LEU	7.31	1.81		
Tubes	2900	181	9689.5	HEU	16.29	0.36		
Tubes	1190	123	2764.3	LEU	4.27	1.10		
Cluster	1190	0	5287.3	HEU	10.65	0.60		
Cluster	3590	124	11935.8	LEU	15.62	4.30		
SAR Subtotal	17780	1184-1238	136,943.6		135.05	18.38	642	
w/Targets					130.00	18.84	782	

Notes:

HL "Heavy Load" MTR is an MTR element that contains 500g or greater of U-235 at Beginning Of Life.

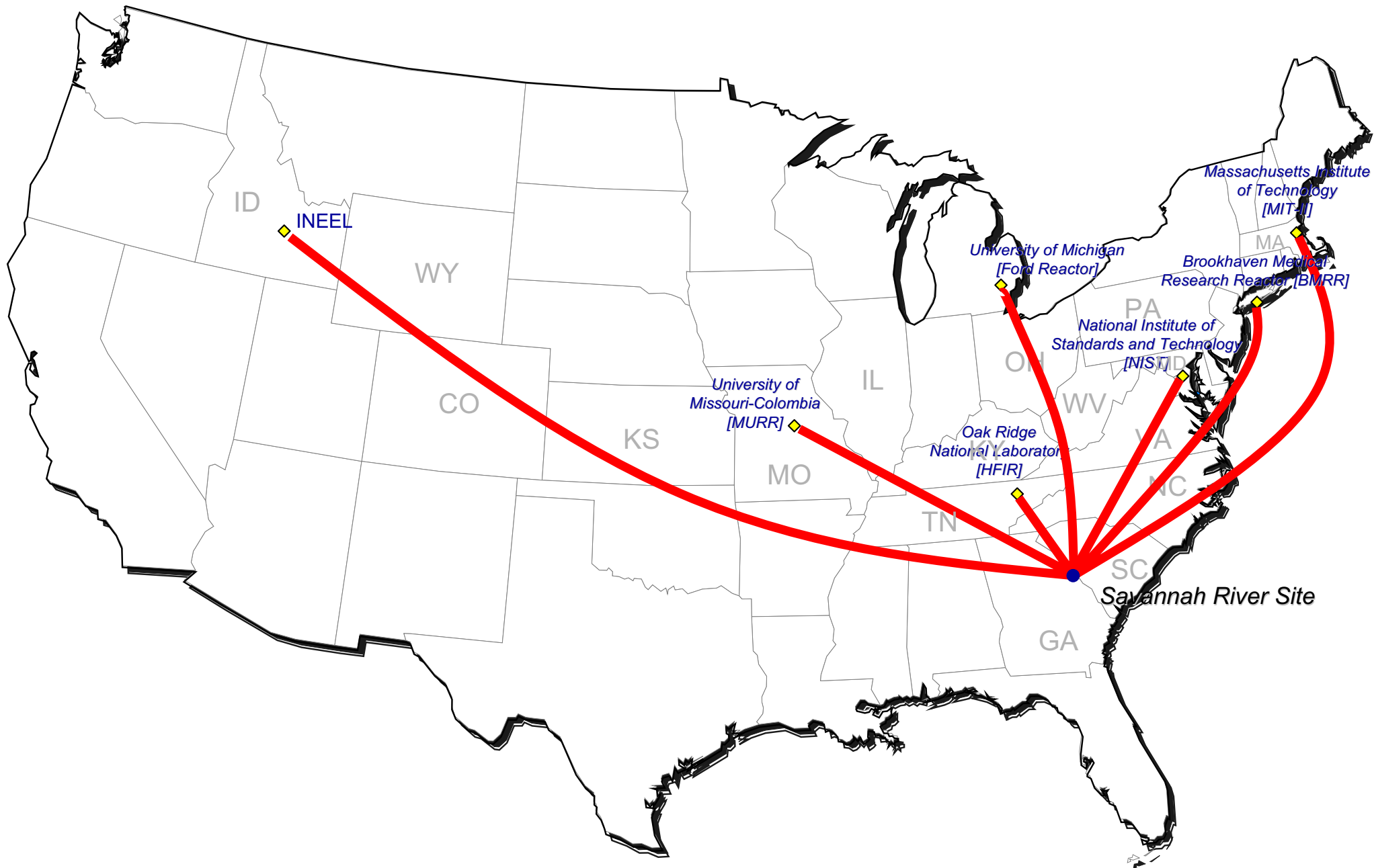
Number of shipments for each country are estimates.

HEU - "High Enriched Uranium", >20% ²³⁵U

LEU - "Low Enriched Uranium", 20% ²³⁵U



Domestic Research Reactor Stakeholders (FY03)



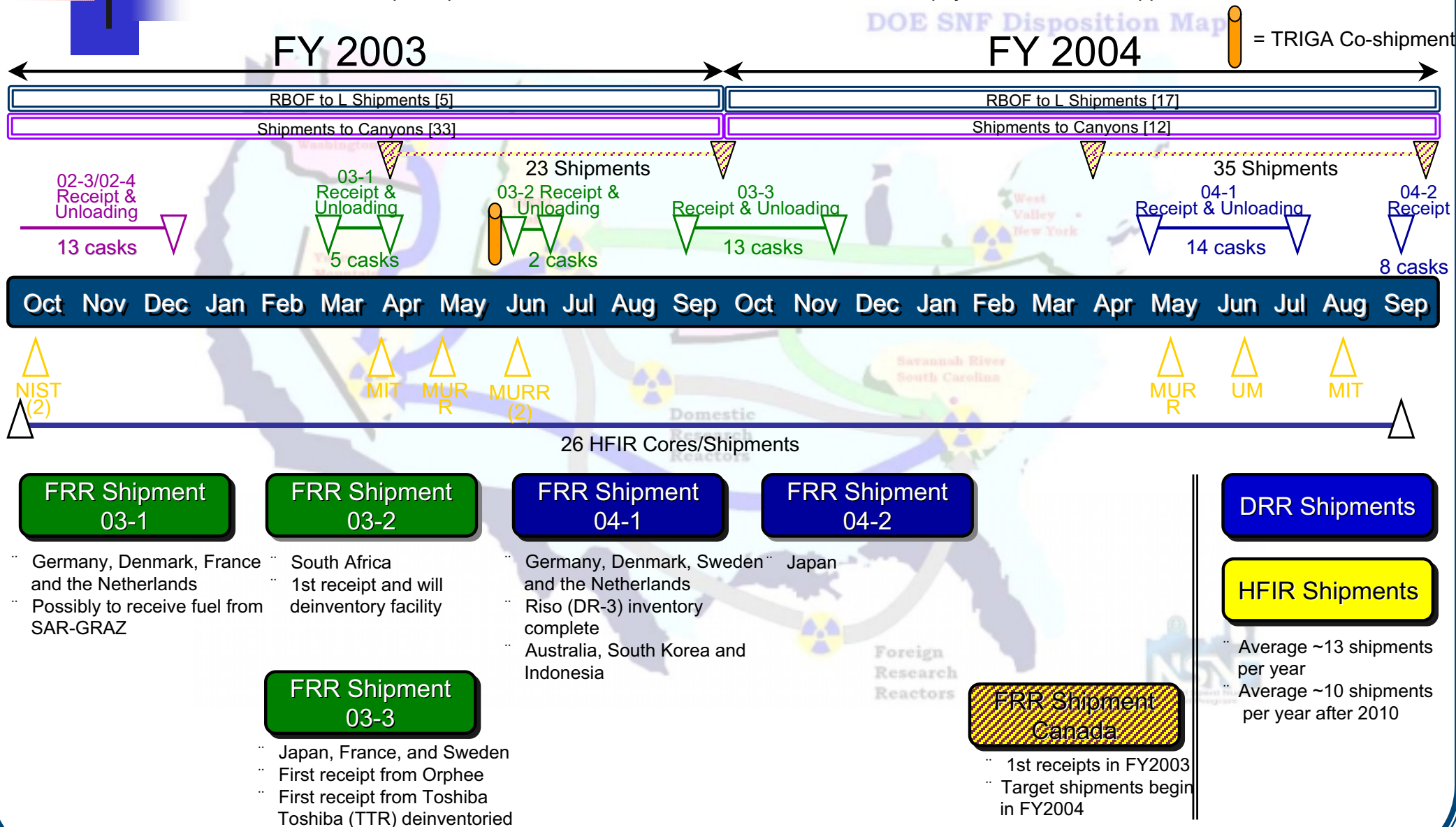
SRS Spent Nuclear Fuel Receipts Program

FRR Program:

Since the issuance of the ROD in 1996, SRS has received 13 shipments containing ~2600 assemblies from 22 countries. This is approximately 20% of the 13,000 assemblies to be returned from the declared participants of the FRR EIS.

DRR Program:

Domestic shipments from Universities (e.g. MIT) and Government facilities (e.g. HFIR & NIST) will continue to be received through 2035. These reactors provide a vital resource in the research and development of material science, physics, and medical applications.





SRS SNF Facility Status

- › RBOF De-inventory: 640 of 836 fuel handling units have been transferred to L-basin
- › Although new contract calls for de-inventory in FY04, WSRC is endeavoring to complete this effort by Sept 30, 2003
- › FRR Receipts: Sept. 2003 shipment is delayed until Nov. 2003
- › DRR Receipts: Temporary USNRC hold on planned shipments
- › K-Basin deactivation: Completed



SRS SNF Alternatives

- › New Dry Storage (bare) near L-Basin until best alternative decided, with no swap
- › Continued Wet storage at L-Basin until best alternative decided, no swap
- › Melt-Dilute near L-Basin (baseline) w/ swap
- › Direct Disposal near L-Basin, no swap
- › H-Canyon will stabilize remaining problematic SNF (legacy irradiated Mk-22/16), with potential transition to NNSA, operating at ~\$200M/yr +



EM Optimized Storage Scenario

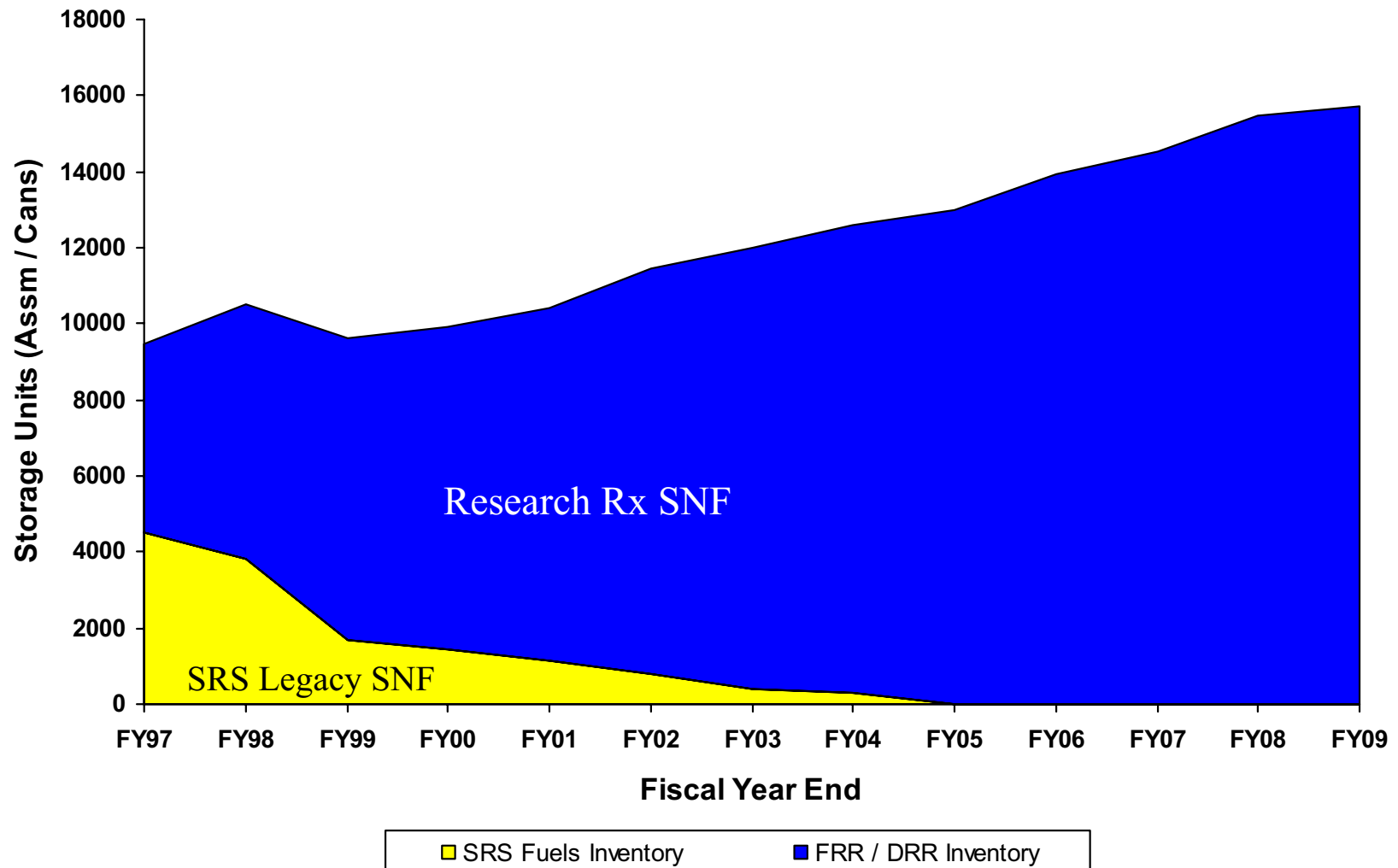
- › Conversion to dry storage thru 2035
- › *What mode of dry? Assumes conversion to dry for cost svgs.*
- › Continued off-site receipts
- › Some 5.2-1 materials stored - not processed at H-Canyon



L-Basin Utilization

- › Direct Disposal with no SNF exchange with INEEL indicates 14,000 MTRE (total inventory) of FRR/DRR and 450 HFIR could be received at SRS
- › As currently configured, L-basin is at 78% capacity for MTRE and 48% capacity for HFIR (Full capacity is 11,220 MTRE and 120 HFIR)
- › L-Basin Storage Racks project currently underway will raise MTRE capacity to 19,800 and HFIR to 204 cores

SRS SNF INVENTORY





Expanded L-Basin Potential

- › Future expanded storage of 28,000 MTRE and 260 HFIR cores (or some trade-off) is feasible using existing L-Basin floor space
- › Provided that scrap removal is initiated, walkway and monorail mod's are made, the Dry Cave is utilized for repackaging activities, and additional storage racks
- › As a result, MTRE space is never an issue and HFIR space will not be filled until FY17 or later



Unirradiated Nuclear Fuels

- › Over 1.6 Metric Tons (U) in SRS wet storage are unirradiated (fresh) and slightly contaminated, and are included in the SRS “SNF baseline”
- › These include FRR HEU/LEU and DRR HEU/LEU, representing <10 SC total for repository direct disposal
- › Mostly zircalloy clad/ UO_2 core, and were at RBOF for storage convenience since the 1970’s, and possibly shipped to INEEL in the proposed exchange
- › All major EM SNF sites have examples of unirradiated fuels in inventory, but SRS, RL and INEEL are not planning to ship unirradiated fuel to the repository



Unirradiated Nuclear Fuels (Cont.)

- › ~230 contact-handled, irradiated fuel items at SRS with minimal ($<1\%$) burnup and long-cooled as to be identical with unirradiated fuel characteristics (~136 of these are SS clad)
- › These materials were never credited in categorization reviews as being self-protecting as a result of burnup, and are still not considered a security issue in existing storage facilities
- › May present a security challenge in the new dry storage scenario with transition from wet pools to dry casks
- › SRS unfunded plan to investigate lower-cost recycle and/or LLW disposal options to reduce the scope of repository SNF issues at SRS